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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A reaction product of a mixture of long-chain fatty acids and at least one aliphatic diamine, wherein the reaction product has an alkali number of < 10 and an acid number of < 15 .
2. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio of the mixture of long-chain fatty acids to the at least one aliphatic diamine is 2 to 1.
3. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
 - 0-7% by weight of myristic acid
 - 0-85% by weight of palmitic acid
 - 0-85% by weight of stearic acid
 - 0-10% by weight of oleic acid
 - 0-90% by weight of 12-hydroxystearic acid, andwhere the sum is always 100% by weight.
4. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises
 - 0-7% by weight of myristic acid
 - 34-64% by weight of palmitic acid
 - 64-45% by weight of stearic acid
 - 0-10% by weight of oleic acid, andwhere the sum is always 100% by weight.
5. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, wherein

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the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

0-5% by weight of myristic acid
40-60% by weight of palmitic acid
60-40% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-5% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

6. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one natural or synthetic fatty acid.

7. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine is ethylenediamine.

8. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one saturated or unsaturated dicarboxylic acid or a mixture thereof.

9. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the ratio of the mixture of long-chain fatty acids to the at least one aliphatic diamine to the at least dicarboxylic acid is (1.8-1.98):1.0:(0.1-0.01).

10. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the sum of the carboxyl functionality is always 2.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

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0-7% by weight of myristic acid
20-85% by weight of palmitic acid
85-45% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-10% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

13. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

0-5% by weight of myristic acid
20-80% by weight of palmitic acid
80-20% by weight of stearic acid, and
0-10% by weight of oleic acid,
where the sum is always 100% by weight.

14. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least aliphatic diamine is ethylenediamine in combination with linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

15. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine further comprises
from 50 to 100% by weight of ethylenediamine and
from 0 to 50% by weight of linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

16. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine further comprises
from 95 to 99.99% by weight of ethylenediamine and
from 0.01 to 5% by weight of linear and/or cycloaliphatic diamines.

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17. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the at least one aliphatic diamine is ethylenediamine in combination hexamethylenediamine, tricyclodecanediamine or mixtures thereof.

18. (Previously Presented) The reaction product as claimed in claim 8, wherein the mixture of long-chain fatty acids further comprises

0-7% by weight of myristic acid

0-85% by weight of palmitic acid

0-85% by weight of stearic acid

0-10% by weight of oleic acid, and

0-90% by weight of 12-hydroxystearic acid,

where the sum is always 100% by weight.

19. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a reaction product as claimed in claim 1, comprising the step of setting an alkali number of < 10 and an acid number of < 15 for the reaction product.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)